

Services Provided

Victim Notification (Title 17-A Sec. 1175)

- The Victim Notification Law applies to victims of **MURDER**, Class A, B, or C crimes, or Class D crime, under Chapters 9, 11, and 12.
- A victim who wishes to receive notification **MUST** file a request with the office of the prosecuting attorney.
- A victim's request is kept confidential.
- The victim will be notified **PRIOR** to work release, furlough, or release from confinement.

Victim Information

- A toll free number (1-800-968-6909) has been established by the Department of Corrections for victims of crimes.
- Information that can be accessed through the line includes:
 - Sentencing information;
 - Place of confinement; and
 - Anticipated date of release.

Victim Advisory Group

- A committee comprised of:
 - Victims;
 - Victim services providers; and
 - State agencies
- To assist in defining and implementing programs within the Department of Corrections that may impact victims.

Victim Offender Dialogue

- A structured, facilitated meeting initiated at the victim's request to provide an opportunity for the victim of a crime to ask questions about the

fence or the offender who committed it.

Impact of Crime Classes

- A 14 week educational program regarding the impact of crime on victims of property offense through murder.
- Victims volunteer to speak on the panel.
- Offenders who participate are not the offenders against the panelists.
- The goal is to empower victims and to attempt to change offender's behavior.

Furloughs

- A furlough is generally an "authorized leave without official escort granted to a prisoner from a correctional facility."
- The furlough program is designed to enhance the likelihood of successful re-entry by the prisoner into the community by affording him or her, the opportunity to make a gradual transition from confinement to free society.
- This gradual re-entry into society gives a prisoner the opportunity to further strengthen community ties and to be reoriented with society outside a correctional facility.
- A prisoner is eligible for furlough if:
 - Classified as either community or minimum security;
 - The prisoner is within five years of projected date of release from confinement;
 - Furlough investigation of proposed furlough site, including community sentiment assessment has been completed; and

- Furlough is approved by chief administrative officer.

Harassment

- Victim Services can provide assistance in cases of harassment.

If a person in the custody or under the supervision of the Department of Corrections engages in any course of conduct with the intent to harass, torment or threaten another person. Please contact Victim Services at 800-968-6909, for assistance.

Restitution

- Restitution is the monetary, work, or any combination of service or monetary reimbursement by an offender to authorized claimants as ordered by a court.
- Who is authorized to make a claim?
 - A victim or a dependent of a deceased victim.
 - The County where the offense was prosecuted.
 - Person, firm, organization, corporation or government entity that has provided recovery to the victim.
 - Person legally acting on behalf of the victim.
- There are two types of restitution payments for prisoners with a court order to pay restitution.
 - Work Program: out of money that the prisoner receives from working, 25% of their gross weekly wage is withheld.
 - Other sources: money that the offender receives from any source, 25% is withheld.
- Offenders on probation pay a specified amount on a set schedule determined by the supervising probation officer.

VICTIM'S RIGHTS

VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE ENTITLED TO THE FOLLOWING BASIC RIGHTS:

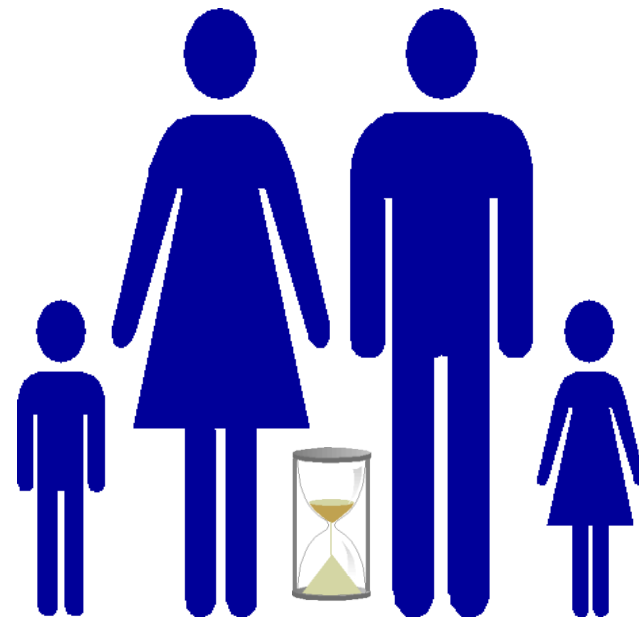
- To be treated with dignity and respect.
- To be assisted by criminal justice agencies.
- To be free from intimidation.
- To be informed about the criminal justice system.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of plea agreements, and the right to comment on them.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of all judicial proceedings, including time and place of trial.
- Whenever practicable, to be notified of the proposed dismissal or filing of a complaint, information, or indictment before the action is taken.
- To have input at sentencing.
- To request restitution.
- To request compensation from the Victim Compensation Board for unreimbursed medical and medically related expenses for victims of violent crime.
- To be notified of an offender's release from institutional confinement in all felony cases.
- To be provided with a pamphlet containing certain statutes which pertain to victim's rights.

MAINE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES



Bolduc Correctional Facility (BCF)	273-2036
Central Maine Pre-Release Center (CMPRC)	287-3035
Charleston Correctional Facility (CCF)	285-0800
Downeast Correctional Facility (DCF)	255-1100
Maine Correctional Center (MCC)	893-7000
Maine State Prison (MSP)	354-5300
Long Creek Youth Development Center	822-2600
Mountain View Youth Development Center	285-0880
Women's Re-Entry Center	561-5027

Department of Corrections VICTIM'S SERVICES



**Victim Services at the
Department of Corrections
provides services to victims
whose offenders are in the
custody of or under
supervision of the
Department of Corrections.**

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